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DEAN BRADT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM T. C.

Miss Bradt, Dean of Women at this college announced that she would retire from her position this coming June. Her first formal announcement was made at a tea party held for her by the Tokalon society of which she is an honorary member. The tea was held at the Shadow Farm Tea House in Leominster.

For the past twenty two years Miss Bradt has devoted herself to her job as dean of women of this college and has truly become a part of life here on Campus.

Miss Bradt has proven herself an able administrator while at this college and both the faculty and student body will miss her when she retires.



Miss Bradt

WHAT'S NEW AROUND THE CAMPUS

The long needed reconstruction of the athletic field became a reality last summer. The entire

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DEDICATION OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING TO HIGHLIGHT VARIED ALUMNI REUNION PROGRAM

FITCHBURG SHOWS MANY PHYSICAL CHANGES IN RECENT YEARS

In twenty five years a human being changes from a babbling infant to a physically and mentally mature being. A city also undergoes some transformation in a quarter of a century. Fitchburg has done just this in the last twenty five years. In some parts of the city the changes have been so radical that a person who had been absent for a considerable length of time would be unable to recognize places that were at one time very familiar.

In the past twenty five years our own school has changed from a two year Normal School, to a four year State Teachers College. And now Legislation has been drawn up to introduce two year courses in fields besides education.

Outside the school, in the city of Fitchburg itself, we find two school buildings that were not there in 1924. St. Bernard's built themselves a new High school building in 1927 on Harvard St. The city of Fitchburg lost its old high-school, building in a

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TO NAME MAIN BUILDING FOR JOHN G. THOMPSON PRINCIPAL HERE FROM 1894 TO 1902



The program for this year's Alumni Reunion is a varied and most interesting one. It is hoped that all those attending the reunion will find that it meets with their fondest expectations.

Eleven o'clock will herald the time opening of this year's reunion. At that time will take place meeting of classes that are celebrating special anniversaries. The Class of 1899 will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary; the Class of 1909, its fortieth; Class of 1919, thirtieth; Class of 1929, twentieth; and the Class of 1939, the tenth.

A buffet luncheon will be served at twelve o'clock on the campus (weather permitting) or in the gym, if necessary. This will be followed by an entertainment in the form of a State Fair. Mr. Philip G. Cashman, '26, State Commander of the American Legion, will be Master of Ceremonies. Members of the Classes of 1899 and 1949 will be guests of the Alumni at the Reunion.

The afternoon program will be held in the Charles M. Herlihy Auditorium at 1:45 o'clock. This will include the business meeting, and an address by President Sanders. Mr. Ralph Gray will give a testimonial to our retiring teachers: Miss Gertrude Bradt, Mrs. Irene Smith, and Mr. John Randall. A resolution on the death of Dean Willis B. Anthony will be read by Mr. James J. Hammond, and Mr. John J. Mullaney will have charge of the dedication of the Administration Building as Thompson Hall in memory of the first principal of the Fitchburg Normal School.

The members of the Alumni Association are invited to attend the College Class Day exercises which will be held on the campus at 3:15 o'clock, immediately following the Alumni Reunion.

HISTORY OF T. C. SHOWS RAPID GROWTH

Fitchburg Teachers College today is classed as one of the best teacher-training institutions in the country. The school which started in a rented building, boasted of a library containing the staggering number of 200 books and four teachers who expounded their theories to 46 students has grown to magnificent proportions. It is still growing.

Maybe some of you remember the name of John G. Thompson? He was principal from 1894 to 1920. That gentleman was followed by another name which will undoubtedly ring familiar, William D. Parkinson, who served as principal from 1920 to 1927. Then came the beloved Dr. Charles M. Herlihy who took up duties in 1927 to 1945. The late Dr. Herlihy was the first President of the institution and his vacancy is now filled by our present President, Dr. William J. Sanders.

The school which started with four teachers now boast a faculty membership numbering 54 persons, many of whom hold the rank of Professor or Associate Professor. The library of two hundred books has grown also and at the latest tally our library numbers a total of 25,000 books and 160 current magazines dealing in everything from psychology to business. The rented building is now a thing for the records. Teachers College campus now contains 8 buildings.

This year there are 150 entering students, next year that number is expected to be exceeded. This year's graduating class will number 132 of which number there are 31 graduate students getting their Masters Degrees.

DEATH OF MR. ANTHONY SORROWS FACULTY, STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

PASSING ENDS 38 YEARS OF TEACHING, DIRECTING

A veil of gloom was cast over the entire campus on April 4th when news was received of the death of Willis B. Anthony, our associate and teacher. This gloom spread as the news reached the length and breadth of New England.

Having joined our faculty here at Fitchburg in 1909, Mr. Anthony's 38 years of service, until the time of his retirement in 1947 were dedicated to the development and progress of industrial arts and teacher training.

Possibly no other man ever gave more of himself to a devoted cause—certainly no single person in Massachusetts has left a greater contribution to practical education. His influence will live on for many years to come through the hundreds of teachers he has trained. His fine philosophy will always be a standard upon which to base the training of young men and women. To him the test of knowledge was found in practical and cultural expression of handicraft—in the creation of something worthwhile.

Before coming to Fitchburg, Mr. Anthony received his public school education in his hometown



of Adams, spent four years at the Massachusetts school of Art, and taught drawing for nine years in the state normal school at North Adams. He refused the position of state supervisor of drawing in Massachusetts when he came to Fitchburg to embark upon his life's work of making practical arts a functional part of general education.

His crowning achievement came in 1935, when he succeeded in bringing industrial arts up from the basement and down from the attic of the Junior

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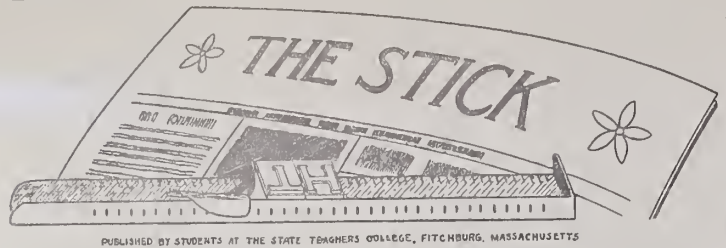
To the Alumni:

This brief article must substitute for many meetings and comes to you accompanied with cheery greetings and unbounded good wishes. I should like to chat personally with each one of you of the last twenty-one years. In retrospect I recall you all as of the day you entered in '27, '35, '42 or whenever you came. I have shared directly or indirectly in your campus life. I have participated in your graduation and with pleasure have received news of your accomplishments. I should like you to know that your achievements, progress, and happiness are among the satisfactions of one who has worked with you. You, especially, are F.T.C. to me.

To the other Alumni members I extend greetings and thanks for many favors. I have enjoyed our occasional contacts and have known and enjoyed numbers of your children as students. You are an important bulwark of the college.

Early retirement bespeaks not wealth but perhaps a slight measure of wisdom and considerable liking for travel. A friend and I expect to start for California again in September by auto. I can always be reached by mail sent to Castile, New York and shall be at your service as usual.

Most sincerely,
Gertrude E. Bradt



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MESSAGE FROM DR. SANDERS
OUTLINES RECENT CHANGES

INCREASED ENROLLMENT
COURSE REVISIONS MARK
PAST TWO YEARS

During the past two years the enrollment at the college has broken all previous records, 483 in 1948 and 470 in 1949. The previous high was 433 in 1926. In 1950 more than 500 will be enrolled, all of whom will have been as carefully selected as in the past. There has been no compromising of standards in the growth of the student body. In this respect the policy at Fitchburg differs from that of Teachers Colleges in other parts of the country.

5-Year Course

Many of the Alumni are aware of the five-year nursing course in affiliation with the Burbank Hospital School of Nursing. In 1948 there were four graduates from this course, in 1949 there will be 8, and more than twenty Freshmen nurses will enter Fitchburg in September.

Because of the many veterans in the Junior High Course, it has been revised so that these men are prepared for teaching in grades 5 and 6 as well. This has led to considerable success in placing these graduates and has been a real contribution towards meeting the teacher shortage in the elementary schools.

I. A. Conferences

The Industrial Arts Department has run three annual conferences in Industrial Arts at Fitchburg which have publicized the leadership of the Department in its field. The pioneer work of the Department is becoming so widely known that more and more the staff is engaged in consulting work with school systems in the State.

The \$12,000 athletic field was ready for the baseball season this spring, and is one of the finest college fields in New England.

New Gym

The Massachusetts Building Commission has the completed plans and specifications for the gymnasium which is proposed to border the athletic field on the south. The State Department of Education has requested the

MR. ANTHONY

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High School Building and placed it on the ground floor of the beautiful new building where it is now located. This Industrial Arts Building is Mr. Anthony's in every sense of the word. He dreamed about it, he planned it, he fought for it, and he dedicated it. It was his greatest pride of accomplishment, not as an inert structure, but for what it repre-



Building for construction in 1950. The old gymnasium, dressing rooms and showers will be re-constructed into a student union, a center for the general social activities of students, upon completion of the new structure.

Hope for Plan

There is still hope that the expansion of the college into a regional college may begin this September. If an appropriation is not forth-coming, it appears almost certain that the additional offerings can be made in September, 1950. The plan is to offer a two-year course in general education technical education and business education, all at the collegiate level. Admission requirements will be as high as for those entering teacher education.

The new program will be a departure in college education, for it will be especially planned for a New England college and for this area of the State. It will not follow the organization of Junior or Community Colleges that have grown up in other parts of the nation.

Enlarges Staff

The establishment of the regional college, once accomplished, will mean the strengthening and enlargement of the teaching staff and a very considerable contribution to the social and economic betterment of the area served. It will also mean that Fitchburg continues to take leadership in meeting new educational needs now as it has in the past.

William J. Sanders

sented. It will always be a memorial to the man who made it possible.

Possibly the one function where Mr. Anthony will be missed the most, by the largest number of students, will be the annual men's banquet. Here, by tradition he became master of song and merriment. His rendition of "Ham and Eggs" will never be forgotten, nor quite duplicated. But let us "carry on." It is as Mr. Anthony would want it.

GRADUATES IN HIGH
EDUCATIONAL POSTS

The primary interest of this college has always been in educating men and women for the teaching profession. The long list of men and women who have achieved success in the field of education is an obvious proof of this interest and justifies the pride which the college has in its graduates.

Administrators

Education is a very vast field and thus has many branches and departments. Some of the graduates have entered the administrative department, while many others have become Supervisors, Superintendents and Principals. The graduates of F. T. C. who are in administrative positions in the state of Massachusetts are: John Kelly, Pres. of State Teachers College at Bridgewater; Philip Cashman, Supervisor of Regional Veteran's Ed. Centers and Director of Special Schools and Classes; M. Norcross Stratton, State Director of of the Division of Vocational Education. Three graduates are State Supervisors in the field of Industrial Schools for Boys and Men. They are: William McConnell, Thomas Flynn, and John F. Shea.

Superintendents

Many of the graduates have attained positions as Superintendents of various schools in a number of cities and towns in Mass. These Superintendents are: Edwin A. Nelson in Brockton; Arthur Bixby in Boylston and West Boylston; John Rolfe in Dighton (five town union); John L. Fitzpatrick in Chicopee; Charles Hapgood in Essex and Manchester; Donald McCaffrey in Hudson; Austin J. O'Toole in Somersett; Charles E. Doherty in West Stockbridge; Marcella R. Kelly, Ass't Super. in Holyoke and John F. Moran, Ass't. Super. and Director of Vocational Schools in Pittsfield. Miss Doris E. Almy is Director of Public Relations of the Mass. Teachers Federation.

Principals

Graduates who have become High School Principals are: Lester Aldrich in Ashby; Laurence Scanlon in Fitchburg; Walter Luce in Lancaster; and John F. Francis in Marlborough. There are also a large number of Junior High School Principals: Ben B. Mason in Amherst; A Henry Ottoson in Arlington; Edward P. Hayes in Brockton; Mary J. Dillon in Chicopee; Francis Cavanagh in Framingham; May Gallagher in Leominster and Leonard Doves in Walpole; Philip J. Heffernan. is the principal of the Vocational School for Boys in Somerville. Watson Otis is the Director of the General Vocational School in Fitchburg and Rodney Poland is the Director of the Vocational School in Leominster.

These men and women are only a few of the many graduates of F. T. C. who made education their career and attained success.

FROM DR. PERCIVAL

It is an honor to salute the Alumni of a score of years at F. T. C. Today we are adding larger numbers to the list, particularly of graduate students, and fighting to keep our standards up, despite huge classes and limited teaching personnel. We are greatly cheered by the good reports which come back to us from people you have worked with.

H. A. Percival

MR. RANDALL RETIRES AFTER
29 YEARS OF COLLEGE TEACHING

ONCE ACTING PRESIDENT,
PLANS TO FISH

After twenty nine years and twenty eight summers of teaching at the college, Mr. John L. Randall of the Biology Dept. announced his resignation.

U. N. H. Grad

Mr. Randall received his B. S. at the University of New Hampshire in 1905 and the following year he received his Masters Degree at that University also. During his Junior year at U. of N. H. Mr. Randall taught bird classes because of the impression his hobby made on campus. It seems that Mr. Randall collected all sorts of bird lore. He was fortunate enough to receive a Teaching Fellowship while still at the University and then accepted a position as sub-master and teacher of Biology in Clinton, Mass. In 1914 he was named Supervisor of Science in Pittsburgh, Penna., and later that year accepted the position offered him at Salem Normal School. In 1915, and for a period of

six years, Uncle Sam enlisted the services of Mr. Randall. He conducted a survey in cities in Va., Ohio, Calif., Georgia and Alabama. His job as a specialist was to promote productive educative occupations for children outside of school hours.

Plans Trees

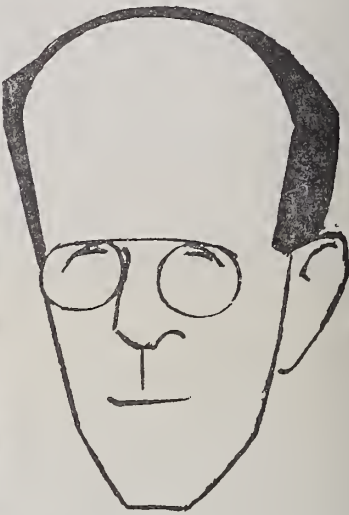
Besides being Dorm Proctor here during the war years, Mr. Randall had charge of all the grounds, the greenhouse and the athletic field. It is interesting to note that all the trees and shrubs on and around campus were planned and located by Mr. Randall.

Mr. Randall served as acting President of the college for periods amounting to approximately one year, also.

To Fish

He has no definite immediate plans other than to fish. And for such a grand gentleman as he, for one who takes so much and leaves so much behind all we can muster up to say is, Good Bye, Good Luck and God Bless You, Mr. Randall.

FROM MR. WESTON



GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS
OF F. T. C.

Come back to your Alma Mater any time or make special plans to attend the Alumni Reunion and Class Day program on Saturday, June 4, 1949. Place this date in your book NOW, so you will meet and talk over old times with your college pals and learn what has happened on the campus since your last visit.

In the past decade many things have happened on our campus. Here are just a few—

1. A Vocational Chapter of our Alumni Association was organized in 1946 composed of graduates who received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Vocational Education since 1942.
2. The record of our Alumni during World War II and the work of the College with the 600 Navy Cadets in the V-5 Program was an excellent one.
3. At present we have 295 men on campus, 170 of them are veterans. We are housing the men in Palmer Hall, the Barracks, Hotel Raymond and eleven apartments for married veterans. Many other things are being done here which I shall be glad to tell you about when I see you on June 4.

R. F. Weston

MISS MCCARTY

Here is a creed for living that has existed for thirty centuries and I believe no man has yet improved upon it: "Look to this day! For it is Life, the very Life of Life In its brief course lie all the verities And realities of man's existence; The bliss of growth, The glory of action, The splendor of beauty. For yesterday is now a dream And tomorrow is only a vision, But today, well lived, makes every Yesterday a dream of happiness And every tomorrow a vision of hope. Look well, therefore, to this day!"

Katherine M. McCarty

TEN DOLLARS ONLY
REQUIREMENT FOR
LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Are YOU a PERENNIAL, an ANNUAL, or Have You Gone to Seed?????

Are you one of the graduates who paid Alumni dues for five, ten, fifteen, or even twenty years and THEN decided to be a Life Member? Better late than never! However, think of the dollars you would have saved by sending in your Life Membership fee soon after your graduation. SO—:

- Lend your substantial support Now
- Invest in this fast growing organization
- Find your name inscribed on its Honor Roll
- Enjoy the satisfaction of Life Membership
- Meet old and new Members June 4th
- Encourage your friends to join with you
- Membership (Life) may soon be raised from this low fee
- Build with us a stronger, more active association
- End the nuisance of annual dues
- Remember that this is YOUR Alma Mater
- Send \$10.00 for your Life Membership today.

MISS BOLGER NAMED AS NEW DEAN OF WOMEN

ANNOUNCE NEW DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

It was announced by Dr. Sanders that on September 1st, 1949, the duties of Dean of Women will be assumed by Miss Josephine A. Bolger, current head of the Physical Ed. Dept. for girls at the college.

Miss Bolger's promotion has of course left quite a vacancy in the Phys. Ed. department and already a new faculty member has been chosen, nominated, and voted upon. The new head of the Phys. Ed. Dept. is Miss Marion E. Clark.

Miss Clark is at present teaching Phys. Ed. in schools at Concord, Mass. She is a graduate of Arnold College, holds a B. A. from Ohio Wesleyan University, an M.A. from Western Reserve College at Cleveland, Ohio, and is studying for her Doctor's degree at Boston University.

THE STRICK and the entire student body extend their best wishes to these two new members of the college faculty and administrative staff.

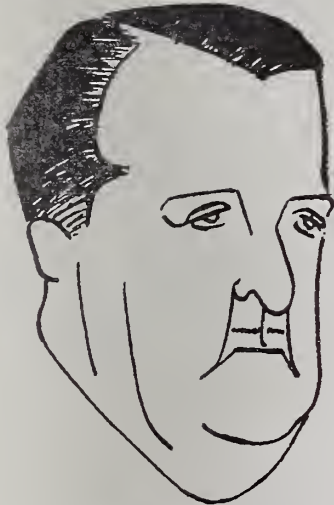
Miss Bolger joined the faculty of the college in 1929 and has specialized in Physical Education for many years. The promotion of Miss Bolger has been approved by the State Commissioner Of Education and her nomination was voted and passed upon recently.

FROM MR. DONOGHUE

After enjoying the cooperative experiences with fifteen generations, in whole or in part, of F.T.C. students, it is a pleasure for me to greet you individually as friends, and collectively as colleagues in the noblest profession of them all. Years may pass, but the recollection of our mutual enthusiasms and cooperative studies evokes warm feelings and cordial hopes that "all's well with you and yours."

Cornelius S. Donoghue

FROM MR. HOLMES



As the world has changed, so has teacher preparation changed to keep pace. Our young people take, as we did, the best that their college has to offer, and they bring it to the places where you live and work. You have the wisdom of experience to give them when they have left us. Alumni and faculty alike, we must believe in these young people and help them to grow in judgment and wisdom as long as they live and serve.

Most cordially,

Roger F. Holmes
Director of Practice Schools



Miss Bolger

Greetings to the Alumni:

When I first came to F.T.C. it was the year of the famous Tercentenary Pageant—some of you will remember "Merrie England." In all these years we have been talking about and planning for the "New Gym." Believe it or not, all you graduates who have come and gone, the last two years have been spent on completing a new set of plans. We hope another year will see the building grow.

Do you know the athletic field is all resurfaced and completely fenced in, with steps down from the I.A. Building, instead of rocks to jump over?

It looks as though you and I have lived to see our dreams of old come true.

Best wishes to you all.

Josephine Bolger

FROM MISS CONLON

GREETINGS TO THE ALUMNI:

Not long after my graduation from our teacher training school, I decided to take summer courses at Columbia University. Some of the professors there were so impressed by the fact that I had been privileged to work with such men as John G. Thompson and Edwin Kirkpatrick in this progressive school of ours with its unique and superior system of training, that, for the first time, I began to realize just what it meant to be an F.N.S. alumna.

Loyalty is one of the finest words in our language—loyalty in friendship, in business, in organizations and in relationships of all kinds is one of the qualities that bring real meaning to life. The hundreds of graduates who have been loyal members of our Alumni Association are quite likely the people who brought most to this college and who gained most from it. You loyal alumni probably are the people who have been the happiest and most successful teachers, administrators, and parents. We hope that you will make our Reunion on June 4, the biggest and best that we have had in years.

Florence D. Conlon

Chairman: Faculty-Alumni
Relations Committee

SPECIAL ALUMNI RESUME OF YEAR'S VARSITY SPORTS

BASEBALL SQUAD OFF TO GOOD START

Once more competing in the New England Teachers College Baseball Conference, the Falcons have currently a league record of 2 wins as against 3 setbacks. The Locals have collected wins against Salem and Keene, while losing to New Britain, Gorham and Plymouth Teachers. In non-league tilts the Falcons have fared better with wins against Worcester and Boston Teachers, and losing a heart breaker to U of Mass. at Devens.

Dick Rutka, of Springfield Mass., was elected to Captain this years Fitchburg Nine. Dick is a big left hander, who is currently carrying a two years average of .300 into the campaign. Max Moczulewski and Harry Bassett are helping Bob Elliot in directing the Falcons baseball team. Both Max and Harry are students at the College and are taking on this extra duty above and beyond their regular duties.

Bill Martin, a Freshman from Townsend, is currently leading the Falcon slugging department with a resounding .444 average.

At present the Falcons have four more games left, three league games against New Britain, Keene, and Salem and a non-league tilt against Worcester Teachers.



T.C. QUINTET TAKES ONLY 6 OF 18 STARTS

The 1948-49 basketball season started and ended in a "horrible nightmare," as the Falcons lost the lid-lifter to Devens 71-34, and were walloped in the finale by Clark University, 68-46. It proved to be the worst season suffered by the Fitchburg State College Quintet since the revival of the Teacher College Basketball Conference in 1946. The team played an 18 game schedule that included 11 confer-

ence games and seven games with independent teams. The schedule consisted of nine home games and nine on the road.

6th Place

The "Falcons" ended the season with a record of 6 wins as against 12 losses. In conference play they posted four wins as against seven defeats, putting them in sixth place ahead of the Salem Teachers, cellar dwellers of the league. While outside of the conference the "Falcons" gained victories over the Albany Teachers of New York, as they lost to such non-conference teams as U. of Mass. (Devens), New Britain Teachers, Rhode Island College of Education, and Clark University.

Blow Big Leads

In his second year as mentor, Bill Provenzani had his headaches in trying to find a winning combination. Bill saw his boys blow sizeable leads as they seemed to fade away in the second half. Several times they built up leads of 15 or more points, only to end up on the short end of the count. The "Falcons" were victims of a pair of 2 point losses and a single 1 point defeat.

Future Good

The outlook for next year will be a little more encouraging with only one member of this year's squad lost through graduation. Although, the loss of Captain Jerry Millane won't be taken too easy by the "Falcon" mentor. In his three years of varsity play, Millane has accounted for 793 points. This was the worst season the "big boy" has had. Hampered by a sore back, he was limited to an average of 11 points per game, far below his 17 point average of last year.

Players Star

The exceptional work of Johnnie Kiosses and Joe Paton during the latter stages of the season seem to give us a better indications of things to come next season. The improved play of York, Gainey, and Clough should afford them with the necessary berths in the varsity lineup, as they combine their talents with Farrar, Sandomierski, Erickson, and Rege. Coming up the ladder, we have Bellas, Costello, Rajala, Shaw, Smith, and Sullivan, all members of Ned Cunningham's Junior Varsity Quintet, their valuable experience this season should give Coach Provenzani his much needed depth.



SOCCER SQUAD SHINES IN ACTIVE GAMES

Led by Captain Maxwell Moczulewski the Fitchburg Teachers Soccer Team ended the season with a record of 5 wins as against 3 defeats. It was one of the most successful soccer seasons enjoyed by the Falcons in many a moon. The keynote of the locals success was their fine condition and aggressiveness of the field.

The Elliotmen chalked up victories over Clark U, Suffolk U, R. I.C.E., Keene Teachers and Bridgewater Teachers, while dropping decisions to M.I.T., Keene Teachers, and U of Mass. (Devens). The Falcons managed to outscore their opponents by garnering 17 goals as against 15 for the latter. Dick York was high scorer on this year's team with six goals. Jack Rajala, a Freshman, was runner up with five. Jerry Snow accounted for three goals, while George Ahearn, Leo Nowacki, and George Krikorian had one apiece.

Suffolk Game

The outstanding play of the year was turned in by Captain Max Moczulewski in the Suffolk University game. In the waning moments of the first half the Suffolk forward line broke the Falcons defense wide open, leaving the goal partially unprotected. Capitalizing on the split defense the Suffolk center passed over to his forward, who promptly sent the ball sailing toward the seemingly open goal. Here Moczulewski rose to the occasion by quickly diagnosing the play in time, and with cat-like accuracy Max dove through the air, spearing the ball before it could nestle in the nestle in the strings.

Vet Co Captains

Jerry Snow of Everett, and William Sullivan of Falmouth were elected to co-captain the 1949 Fitchburg Teachers Soccer team. Both Sullivan and Snow are veterans of three years varsity play.

The future success of the Falcons rests on their shoulders, but with their wealth of past experience they should be able to lead the team to meet any challenge.

Before putting a finis to the Soccer column I would like to thank members of this year's team who will graduate in '49 To Jack King, Ed and George Ahearn, Dave Vennburg, Gus Amaral, George Krikorian, Joe Degulis, Fran Pelosi, Ralph Goniet, and Tom Cairney, thanks a million for your fighting spirit and fine sportsmanship.

RETIREMENT ENDS LONG TEACHING CAREER OF MRS. SMITH

CAME TO T. C. CAMPUS IN 1925, AFTER TRAVELS

Mrs. Irene Smith, well known to many elementary school teachers whom she has been training at Edgerly School since 1925, retired last January. She has always been most interested in grades one and two.

Although she has lived in the North and the South, Mrs. Smith was born in Worcester, Massachusetts. As a child she moved to New Orleans where her father owned a large plantation. She was there during the "high water" of 1884, and remembers being taken out of a window into a boat with other members of her family. She has continued to love the South and has made frequent trips to New Orleans during her later life.

For eighteen years she lived in Butte, Montana. She remembers her life there as a very active one. She enjoyed being in plays, belonging to clubs, and developing her hobby of horseback riding. At that time she and her husband owned fourteen horses. It was in Montana that she was married and there her husband died.

She came East and after her graduation from the Worcester State Normal School in 1913, she

Personal message from Mrs. Smith

It is very nice to greet the members of the Alumni Association. For many years it was such a pleasure for me to greet the graduates at the annual reunion. I also have pleasant memories of the faculty as a whole and of their cooperation. When I first found myself with nothing to do but relax, it seemed difficult, but now I find it very rejuvenating! I wish to extend my best wishes to the Alumni and my love to all.

Irene L. Smith

taught at West Boylston for nine years. In 1922 she became a principal at Fitchburg and three years later was appointed Supervisor of Grades 1 and 2 at the Edgerly School.

Her friends know Mrs. Smith as a cheerful, lively person with a keen sense of humor. Her particular interests are reading and singing, and she has written many poems, some of which may be found in the West Boylston Library. She has recently found knitting an absorbing pastime. We wish Mrs. Smith many happy years of—as she expresses it, "getting up any time I feel like it and doing as I please."

FITCHBURG CHANGES

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fire in 1934. They built a new one at the cost of \$1,230,000. This building was first opened to the public in June 1937. The new High School is located on the same site the old one occupied.

In 1924 a College student could not have dropped into Brook's for a "coke," as our students do today as this landmark of today was not opened until 1925.

People who thrilled at the sight of the Rollstone Boulder perched on the top of Rollstone Hill would look again if they had not seen the Hill since 1929, because it was in this year that the Rollstone Boulder was taken apart and transported down to the upper end Main street, where it was reassembled to become a monument to the great sheet of ice that covered this region millions of years ago. Several changes have occurred in the upper Main street area, in 1928 a memorial for the service men of World War One was constructed and in 1929 the Art Center was founded, through the efforts of Local Citizens.

Any one familiar with the Pigeon Swamp area of Fitchburg in 1928 would not recognize it today as the same place they knew then. This spot is now the site of the Fitchburg Municipal Airport.

Probably the most noticeable changes were on the Main Street of Fitchburg, and they have all taken place in the past three or four years. Many of the stores have moved around, and the majority of them have remodeled their interiors and fronts.

Also among the missing today is the little Joe Cushing Railroad that once hauled freight from the main line to the grain mills behind Main street. This bowed out to several new businesses, and a large parking lot.

Yes, Fitchburg has changed in the past twenty five years, but her citizens haven't, they are

FROM MR. HARRINGTON



This opportunity of greeting all of my student friends through the years is a welcome one. I might have forgotten your name if I met you face to face, but, believe me, I would not have forgotten you! Best of luck!

Arthur Harrington

FROM MR. HAMMOND

"My Greetings to the F. T. C. Alumni."

It is with considerable satisfaction that I take this opportunity to extend greetings to the members of the Alumni Association and sincere personal regards to all my classmates, friends and former students. The members of the industrial arts department join me in extending you an invitation to come to visit us. We hope all of you who are teaching in Massachusetts will participate in our annual spring conferences and help us to continuously improve the status of industrial arts in Massachusetts.

I am sure all the industrial arts alumni share our wish that the Alumni Association undertake to honor the memory of the late Willis B. Anthony, beloved dean of this department.

James J. Hammond

still self determined, ambitious people that have transformed the "Turkey Hills" of two hundred years ago into the Fitchburg of Today.

FROM MISS. NIXON

To the Alumni,
Greetings and affectionate good wishes! We at the College don't see you often, and certainly not often enough. But we do think of you, and naturally, ours are the kindest thoughts.

Yours sincerely,
Belle M. Nixon

STICK TAKES SECOND PLACE IN NATIONAL PRESS COMPETITION

At a banquet held in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association recently awarded **THE STICK** second place in a competition of the Teachers College publications of the nation. The award was another step toward the goal of **THE STICK** Staff: to print the best paper of its kind in the country. The road to this objective has seen the paper rise from a monthly 9x12, combination of school news and literary pieces to its present 12x18 bi-weekly format, filled with recent school news, feature articles, sports reports, cuts, and stories of coming events.

The staff is proud of this award, especially since it publishes its paper on a budget lower than any in the entire competition, a budget only one tenth the size of that of the first place winner!

Approximately thirty students comprise the staff, organized into an Editorial Board of seven, about 14 writers, a business staff of three, and a rotating group of 6 on the production end. This staff meets on the Wednesday evening 8 days before the paper is to be released, and the writing assignments are decided upon, and assignments made. Two days later these are submitted to the editors, who do any necessary rewriting and correcting, and give the final copy into the linotype section. By Tuesday afternoon the linotyped copy is ready for final proofreading by staff members, and while these corrections are being made, the makeup editor is preparing the dummy. On Wednesday morning the assigned members of a printing class impose and print the outside pages. The following morning they print the inside pages, mechanically fold the paper, and it is rushed over to the mailboxes for release before the deadline at noon.

This schedule, while being condensed into the shortest possible time without interference with class work, is still flexible enough to allow the printing of an occasional 6 page issue, and even one 8 page issue each year.

We have in **THE STICK**, a democratic organization composed of a wide variety of student personalities functioning smoothly together, producing a paper that we believe is an asset to the school, and an aid in the molding of the students of this school into a more closely knit, united body.

FROM MRS. SIMMONS

Greetings to the Alumni!

Congratulations on the fine work you are doing in the teaching field. Never before has there been so great a demand for trained geographers as there is today, and never before have the remunerative rewards been so gratifying.

Anna G. E. Simmons

CAMPUS CLUBS END BUSY YEAR



STUDENT FORUM HOLDS VIVID ELECTION RALLY

The past year has been a lively and interesting one for this organization whose purpose is the stimulation and growth of intellectual activity.

Prior to the presidential election last fall, the front steps of the Administration Building were the scene of an old fashioned political rally, staged by our members. The club also sponsors an annual assembly program. The group feels that Miss Gertrude Cunningham deserves a vote of thanks for giving her time and assistance to them.

GLEE CLUB SPONSORS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Since September, the Glee Club at F. T. C. has engaged in many pleasant hours of activity. Every Thursday from eleven until twelve music fills the air.

In addition to this regular period, the Glee Club has a program of functions which will make the entire student body sing with delight. The club sponsored a "Freshman Talent Day" on November 2nd and completed the program by singing a collection of American favorites. The club also gave a Spring Concert and a Gilbert and Sullivan Operetta, "Trial By Jury" on April 26th and 27th. The auditorium was thronged to the doors on both nights.

The years of 1948 and 1949 have proved to be years of both enjoyment and accomplishment for the college Glee Club and for the music director Mr. Richard Kent.

POPULAR ART CLUB HAS GUEST SPEAKER

There was a time when Art Club members were only a large group of esthetes in the making. They discussed all phases of art and tripped to Boston, Worcester and Providence museums and studios in search of beauty.

We still have guest meetings at the college and at the Fitchburg Art Center where lecture-demonstrations and exhibitions are enjoyed and discussed. Every year, too, the club brings to our assembled student body an outstanding person in the art world. Last year it was Carl Koch the architect of beautiful, functional homes and this year, Mathew W. Boyhan, painter of note, did a conte crayon portrait of President Sanders in assembly.

The recently elected President, Roberta O'Rourke, is the daughter of one of the alumni. Remember Ralph (Toots) O'Rourke?

S. C. A. OUTLINES OBJECTIVES OF CLUB

The purpose of the Student Christian Association is to explore the Christian way of life by entering into it rather than by looking at it from afar. Inevitably this demands a deep commitment to Jesus Christ and a type of religious living which involves concern for the whole broad span of life, including all the complex relations of man to society. It recognizes that the Christian perspective is not attained without effort, study, and personal discipline. It represents a fellowship moving toward a particular goal, namely a correlation of the teachings of Jesus Christ with our relationship to people in everyday life.

We are affiliated with the Student Christian Movement in New England, and send representatives to the various area conferences held at other colleges, as well as summer conferences to further our relations with the other colleges in New England.

NEWMAN CLUB ACTIVITIES FEATURE SPEAKERS, CAROLS, AND DANCES

The ninety members of the Newman Club are still trying to keep their program "social, intellectual and religious." There were socials, the talent night, the question-box and books from the Newman Shelf in the library.

Activities began with induction of freshmen in October. The Rev. Anthony Woods, S. J., of New York was the speaker. At Christmastime, the club revived the old college tradition of carol singing at the homes of faculty members. Winding up at the Burbank Nurses' Home, the carolers sang and danced until midnight.

The assembly hall was filled for Bishop J. J. Wright's lecture, "Europe Revisited," in January, and an equally popular event was the Old Fashioned Dance. The Student Christian Ass'n members were guests of the Newman Club at this dance.

CHANGES AT T. C.

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field was landscaped and concrete steps were built behind the I. A. Building.

The Charles M. Herlihy Memorial Auditorium looks brighter with new lights and the gold velvet draperies that are the gift of the Alumni.

Now double-deck beds are taking care of the large number of students at Miller Hall.

The lobby, the library, and all the administration offices have newly painted walls and new floor covering.